6. Shri Opinder Nath Chhibber
7. Dr. Abad Ahmad

(c) Punjab & Sind Bank has reported that the present Board has so far held 19 meetings. Besides laying down the policies of the bank and reviewing their implementation, the Board has been taking decisions about lending, settlement of compromise proposals, hiring and acquisition of premises and other investment decisions. A number of these functions have since been delegated by the Board of Directors to the Management Committee of the Board. The non-official directors have been contributing in all the decisions taken by the Board/Management Committee.

(b) As per the records of Punjab & Sind Bank, none of the non-official directors or their relatives are availing any loan/advance from the bank.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Computerisation of LIC Branches

2601. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all branches of L.I.C. have been computerised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Premium amount to be deposited by consumers can be deposited only in the specified branch which results in great inconvenience for consumers; and

(c) whether Government propose to allow depositing of premium in any of the branches in view of LIC network being computerised?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (c) No, Sir. the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has informed that while at present, the computers have been installed in around 785 branches, they are yet to be linked in a network. To begin with, they propose to network all the branches in the metropolitan cities.

(b) LIC has informed that premiums for policies are to be paid in specified branches where these policies are being serviced. In order to facilitate customer convenience, wherever servicing branches of the LIC are not available, arrangements have been made with the banks in the area to collect the premiums. Until all the branches are linked through computer network, the present system will have to continue.

Cases Registered Against Officials of Punjab and Sind Bank

2602. DR. GOPALARAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of cases registered against officials of Punjab and Sind Bank (PSB) by CBI during last three years, case-wise alongwith names of these officials and their present designations;

(b) details of outcome of said cases, case-wise and those still being investigated;

(c) details of action taken by PSB management against said officials, case-wise;

(d) details of officials suspended and/or dismissed by PSB management for financial irregularities and/or misconduct, official-wise during said years, year-wise; and

(e) details of complaints received by vigilance wing of PSB against its staff during the said years alongwith outcome.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Indian Performance in International Film Festivals

2603. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) in how many International Film Festivals did India participate during the last one year;

(b) the level of India's performance; and

(c) what steps are being taken to popularise Indian films abroad?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Directorate of Film Festivals, an attached office of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting participated with Indian Panorama films in sixty International Film Festivals held abroad during December' 95 to November' 96.

(b) The performance was generally satisfactory and Indian Panorama films won six major International awards.

(c) Under the Cultural Exchange Programme with different countires, a number of Indian film weeks are held abroad regularly. In addition, the Directorate of Film Festivals has gradually increased Indian participation in different International Film Festivals abroad.

According Powers to the Chief Nursing Officer in Relation to his Staff at Par with the Medical Superintendent

2604. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made by the Nursing personnel of AIIMS to give same powers to the Chief Nursing Officer in relation to the staff working under them as are exercised by the Medical Superintendent in relation to medical administration staff in order to enhance efficiency; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The Institute has not received such demand from the Nursing Personnel.

Airlinking of Jalandhar/Kapurthala with Delhi

2605. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the matter with regard to airlinking of Jalandhar/Kapurthala with Delhi is pending with Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a long cherished dream of the people of Jalandhar and Kapurthala could not become a reality despite various assurances given by Government;

(c) if so, the specific reasons therefor and the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) what effective measures Government propose to provide air services and make plans to airlink Jalandhra and Kapurthala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The airstrip available at Jalandhar is not fit for operations and there is, no airstrip at Kapurthala.

Diagnostic and Therapeutic Facilities to the Poor in CHC and Sub-Divisional District Level Hospitals

2606. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: